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APPENDIX.

No. I.

BRITISH LEGHORN.

LADY HARRIET BERNARD, in a letter to the Secretary, dated Castle Bernard, Oct. 19, 1827, states that she has made some improvement in the mode of preparing the rye-straw, which is the material for plat employed in the school under her ladyship's patronage. The rye, instead of being pulled while the stalk is yet green and the grain milky, is allowed to grow till the grain is within about ten days of being ripe, by which means a more glossy and better-coloured straw is obtained. The process of scalding is replaced by simply drying in the air and sun, by which the gloss remains uninjured, and the hats, &c. made of such straw look really like new ones; whereas they but too often acquire by scalding the appearance of old hats after they have been washed or cleaned. Straw nearly ripe is also much more expeditiously bleached by the sun than when cut green,—a circumstance of no small importance to the Irish manufacturer.